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Amendment to the Abstract

Please replace the current Abstract at page 49 with the following Abstract:

A parts mounting method employing a suction section having a plurality of suction nozzles is provided. The suction section is moved to a parts supply section in which a plurality of parts are suctioned by the suction nozzles at the same time. The parts are then mounted onto a board. The suction nozzles are divided into groups: a first group having a shift amount within an allowable range in which simultaneous suction is possible; and a second group having a shift amount outside the allowable range in which simultaneous suction is possible. The parts are then sucked at the same time for each of the groups.